GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS
LOK SABHA

STARRED QUESTION NO:350
ANSWERED ON:16.04.2008
RE-CYCLING OF E-WASTE
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Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has prepared the Guideline Document for Environmentally Sound Re-cycling of E-waste;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the steps taken to ensure that the imported E-wastes are used only for direct re-use and not for recycling or for final disposal?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRI NAMO NARAIN MEENA)

(a) to (c) A Statement is laid on the Table of the House.

THE STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARAS (a), (b) & (c) OF LOK SABHA STARRED QUESTION NO.350 TO BE ANSWERED ON 16.04.2008 ON RECYCLING OF E-WASTE RAISED BY SHRI SANTOSH GANGWAR AND PROF. VIJAY KUMAR MALHOTRA.

(a) Yes, Sir. The Guidelines for Environmentally Sound Management of e-waste have been formulated and the approved guidelines are placed on the Ministry's and CPCB's website www.envfor.nic.in and www.cpcb.nic.in respectively.

(b) The Guideline provides the approach and methodology for environmentally sound management of e-waste which include details such as e-waste composition and recycle potential of items of economic value, identification of possible hazards contents in e-waste. The recycle, re-use and recovery options, treatment and disposal options and the environmentally sound e-waste treatment technologies etc

(c) As per the provisions of the Hazardous Waste [Management & Handling] Rules, 1989 and amendments thereof, Waste Electrical and Electronic Assemblies are covered under category B 1110 in List B of Schedule-3 (Part-A) to these Rules which is applicable for import and export of hazardous wastes. Waste under this category is permitted for import only for direct reuse and not for recycling or final disposal.